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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy TAG-420 -01-001 Compliance with Environmental Laws, Regulations and Requirements

1. This policy memorandum supersedes Command Policy TAG-200-96-4, dated 1 June 1996, subject as above.
2. Reference:
 - a. VaARNGR 420-47, Hazardous Waste/Environmental Management Regulation.
 - b. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
 - c. AFI 32-7061 Environmental Impacts and the National Environmental Policy Act.
 - d. AFI 32-7066 Environmental Baseline Studies.
3. The Virginia National Guard will fully support protection of the environment in every mission that is undertaken. To do this, the above regulations will be the guide to ensure that environmental compliance is achieved in everything that we do.
4. Every member will be aware of his/her responsibilities in environmental protection. All leaders and managers must understand and take seriously their obligations and responsibilities to preserve the environment. They must ensure that their units and subordinates are fully cognizant of environmental implications at all times.
5. Even though training is a top priority, it can neither be planned nor conducted without first considering the environmental impact. We must continue to conduct tough, realistic and demanding training; however, we must do so in a manner that fosters sound environmental conservation and continued availability of natural resource. Leaders and managers at every level are personally responsible for ensuring compliance, educating subordinates of the need for compliance, and integrating environmental impact consideration during every phase of training - from planning to completion.

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6. Leaders and managers who fail to comply with this policy or any facet of environmental laws and regulations may be held personally liable for fines, jail sentences and clean-up costs associated with any act of mismanagement. Command involvement and commitment to environmental awareness and compliance are essential, and expected, throughout the Virginia National Guard.



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